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1. WE HAVE PROCEEDED AT ONCE TO SET UP THE MEETING WITH KHUKRIT AS DIRECTED REFTEL. AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH SUTI NOPAKUN, PRIMIN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, TO WORK OUT A MEETING AT WHICH ANAN WOULD BE PRESENT. PROBLEM WAS HOW TO HAVE MEETING WITH ANAN PRESENT WITHOUT GETTING HUNG UP BY ANAN WHO WOULD BE INCLINED TO BLOCK A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO NEGOTIATE WITH US AND WAS EMPOWERED TO SPEAK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

2. AFTER TALKING WITH US, SUTI WENT TO SEE ANAN AND RETURNED TO REPORT THAT ANAN DID NOT OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED MEETING BUT FELT HE SHOULD INFORM CHATCHAI WHO IS OUT CAMPAIGNING AND MIGHT ALSO WISH TO BE PRESENT.

3. SUTI ASSURES US THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WANT TO SEE AMBASSADOR AND HE HAS THE BALL IN TERMS OF TIME

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AND PLACE AND HE UNDERSTANDS PERFECTLY THE URGENCY

OF THIS MATTER.

4. U.S. VERSION OF SEVEN PRINCIPLES WAS DELIVERED
TO MFA (WORAPHUT) TODAY.

5. ANAN AND AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED ON THE
PHONE. ANAN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTING CHAT-
CHAI WHO WOULD WANT TO BE PRESENT AT ANY DISCUSSION
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE U.S. VERSION OF THE
SEVEN PRINCIPLES WHICH MFA HAD RECEIVED. AMBASSADOR
BELIEVES HE PERSUADED ANAN THAT MEETING WAS NOT IN-
TENDED TO BE A NEGOTIATION OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES
BUT THAT HE PARTICULARLY WISHED TO TALK OVER WHAT
WE ALLUDE TO HERE AS THE HIATUS QUESTION.

6. AT MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER, WE WILL LIMIT
OUR COMMENTS TO THOSE WE HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO MAKE.

7. WE FULLY CONCUR THAT GETTING THE DEADLINE LIFTED
ON THE STATUS OF OUR PEOPLE IS IMPERATIVE. WE HAD
PROPOSED GOING AT THIS A DIFFERENT WAY BUT ACCEPT
DEPARTMENT'S VIEW.
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